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TOWNSEND BOARD OF SELECTMEN

NOTICE OF

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING

The Townsend Board of Selectmen is holding a 30-day public comment period from 08/22/2023 until 09/22/2023 for public feedback with comments from citizens on the Municipal Electricity Aggregation Plan developed consistent with the municipal aggregation statute, G.L. Chapter 164, Section 134 and a hybrid public hearing on

October 3, 2023

at the Selectmen Chambers of the Town of Townsend

Town Hall, 272 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Townsend, MA 01469

Copies of the Plan are available at the Town Clerk's office, at multiple municipal buildings, on the Town's web page and at TownsendCEA.com

Through the Program, the Town will provide new electricity supply options to Townsend residents and businesses. The Local Distribution Company, Unitil, will remain responsible for distribution of electricity, maintaining electricity infrastructure and responding to power outages. This Plan does not obligate the Town to pursue aggregation if conditions are not favorable. The Program enables the Town to select the characteristics of the electricity supply options, also known as products. The Program will be open to all residents and businesses in the Town, and it will offer a standard product and optional products. At launch, all Eligible Customers¹ will be automatically enrolled in the Program's standard product unless they exercise their right to opt out or choose an optional product. Once the Program is operational, participating residents and businesses would retain the right 1) to change to an optional product or 2) to opt out of the Program with no penalty and to choose any other electricity supplier or stay with the Basic Service supply from the Local Distribution Company. Residents and businesses that do not initially participate in the Program may join the Program at any time. A key focus of the Program will be to provide electricity options that match the diverse needs of our community, which include: ● Negotiating the best terms and conditions for electricity supply: It is important to note that the Program cannot guarantee prices will be lower than the Unitil Basic Service prices at all times, because Basic Service prices change frequently and future prices are unknown. ● Using and supporting the growth of renewable electricity. ● Supporting electrification, particularly for heating and transportation currently powered by fossil fuels. The Town of Townsend will develop and implement the Program as described in this Plan.

Please submit comments to Selectmen@townsendma.gov until 09/22/2023.